



Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES

Services to Youth - Year in Review July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

Youth Ages 16-24*

Served in the Vocational Rehabilitation Program

The Vocational Rehabilitation Program served **10,471** youths age 16 to 24* during SFY 2016.

1,298 of these consumers were placed in employment, with an average hourly wage of **\$11.58**.

Employed young consumers worked an average of **26.7** hours per week.

During SFY2016, MRC served **2,897** high school students with disabilities through its VR Area Offices. MRC also initiated Pre-Employment Transition contracts with **20** vendors across the Commonwealth. These programs offer work-based learning experiences, job readiness and skills trainings, assistance with enrollment in post-secondary education and training programs, job exploration, and leadership/mentoring services to students with disabilities.

During SFY2016, MRC provided paid summer internship experiences for **436** young consumers across the Commonwealth through its Local Area Office Internship Program, CVS Health Summer Internship Program, and the Transitional Internship Program (TIP). These internships provide employment related skills and guidance, and references to facilitate permanent future employment opportunities.

Who Are Our Young Consumers?

Male	59.1%
Female	40.9%

Age Profile*	% Served
14-16	1.9%
17	12.9%
18	29.5%
19	23.2%
20	9.8%
21	6.9%
22	5.9%
23	5.0%
24	4.9%

Referral Source

688 Referral	33.8%
Lead Education Agency	20.1%
TAC-Assigned	0.2%
Other Referral Source	45.8%

Disability Profile

Sensory/Communicative	4.9%
Physical/Mobility	10.2%
Cognitive/Psychological	84.9%

**Age at application for MRC services.*

FACTS AT A GLANCE

The goal of our services is to promote dignity through employment and community living, one person at a time. We hope all citizens with disabilities in Massachusetts will have the opportunity to contribute as a productive member of their community and family as a result of services provided by the MRC.

Youths actively receiving services	10,471
Youths enrolled in training/education programs	7,654
Average hourly wage for employed youths	\$11.58

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